**1st Class Activities**

**(11th -29th of January 2021)**

Hello to all the parents and children from 1st class,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well during this difficult time.  We hope you enjoyed the Christmas holidays. We have come up with some fun activities for you to do during January. Hopefully some of the following information is helpful and allows for some learning and of course fun during this strange period of social distancing. Please do as much or as little as suits you and your family. These are just suggestions and should cause no additional stress at home.

Very best wishes to you and your amazing children and we look forward to seeing you all soon. Stay safe and healthy!

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**English**

**Reading is key** – read a range of fiction and non fiction texts. Read with your parent or on your own

Some activities

* Predict what might happen in the next chapter
* Design a new cover for the book
* Write a sentence about: a) what you liked about the book/story, b) favourite part and your favourite character
* Complete a character profile (draw the character on a piece of paper and write words to describe the character around the drawing)

If you are finished your assigned reader for home, go to <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. Parents can set up an account and then you can browse ebooks for your age and complete activities.

**Writing**

Below are just a few ideas or topics you could write about:

* Make a cake – write the instructions (procedure writing)
* How to wash your hands (procedure writing)
* A letter of thanks to the local supermarket workers/ nurses/ doctors/ truck drivers and everyone who is helping us at this time (letter writing)
* A diary about this time (This could be written or it could be a video diary but it will be something to look back on in the future so I would definitely encourage it) (Recount writing)
* Story – for inspiration give your child a character, setting and problem/event and let them create a story about it (narrative writing)
* Write a letter to grandparents or other relatives who you can’t see at the moment (if you’re worried about going to post it etc. take a photo of the handwritten note and send it by message/WhatsApp or email and ask them to write back by letter too)

**Maths**

**Counting**

* Forwards (from 1 or from another given number)
* Backwards (from 100 or from another given number)
* In 2’s/ 5’s/ 10’s etc.
* Objects/ toys
* Estimating and then counting a set of books or teddies etc.
* Revise doubles

Please find attached link for online activities <https://ie.ixl.com/math/class-1>

**Irish**

* Continue to practice songs/poems learnt in school
* Dialogue ‘Cad is ainm duit?’ ‘Cén aois thú?’ ‘Conas atá tú?’ ‘An maith leat úll?’ etc.
* Look at programmes on TG4 and in particular, Cúla 4 online
* Stories on Seidean Si <https://www.seideansi.ie/>

**S.E.S.E.**

* Learn about the local area – walk around the local area, investigate where the names of estates/ streets came from. What are the local landmarks or tourist attractions? Create a brochure advertising the local area.
* Go on a nature walk – what sounds can you hear? what birds can you see? what trees do you recognise? what signs of spring do you notice?
* Read the story of Fionn and the Dragon online <https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/roi-t-268-fionn-and-the-dragon-powerpoint-story>
* Complete the activities based on the story <https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/roi-t-281-fionn-and-the-dragon-literacy-activities-sheet>

**Music**

* Listen to a piece of music and write about it – what does it remind you of? how does it make you feel?
* Learn a song that your parents loved when they were your age?
* Listen to the different instruments of the orchestra
* Listen to a variety of different pieces of music
* Dance to favourite pieces of music

**Art**

* Draw scenes from the book you’re reading
* Create a monster using recycled materials
* Using an old shoebox create your dream bedroom (use recycled materials or draw)
* Draw a Winter picture

**P.E./ Exercise**

* Walk, jog, run, cycle around your local area.
* Create an obstacle course in your house or back garden.
* 'Go Noodle' online channel for guided dancing
* 'The Body Coach' online channel
* 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' online channel
* 10@10-10 minutes of guided exercise
* Stretches/Jumping Jacks/Lunges